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## **MAJORITY LEADER HASNER'S STATEMENT ON ATTORNEY GENERAL MCCOLLUM'S ACTION**

**TALLAHASSEE, FL** – Today Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum discussed the filing of legal action in response to the passage of federal health care reform legislation. Florida House Majority Leader Adam Hasner (R-Delray Beach) issued the following statement:

"The fundamentally flawed healthcare bill that was arrogantly rammed through Congress by Democrats in Washington will raise taxes, kill jobs, increase deficits, cut Medicare and expand Medicaid while imposing unconstitutional mandates and financial penalties on the American people. It must not be allowed to stand and I commend General McCollum's action today as Florida leads the way in opposing the Washington bureaucracy that will now be forced into the individual health choices of everyday Americans while raising costs and limiting choices."

Legal scholars question the constitutionality of federally-mandated healthcare while budget analysts worry that hundreds of millions of dollars in additional Medicaid costs would bankrupt the state. According to a recent Pew Center of the States report, Medicaid already costs states \$335 billion or 21 percent of all state expenditures. The Heritage Foundation estimates that under the current healthcare bill as passed in Congress, Florida's Medicaid program would expand by 54 percent.

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